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HA! YOU FLEE IN FEAR FROM THE MIGHT OF THE DARKNUT FAMILY!
I'VE GOT THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE, PAL! I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING!


I JUST NEED A LITTLE DISTANCE TO THROW THIS BOMB!
KA-BOOM

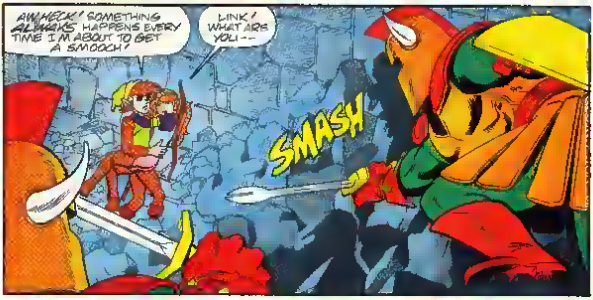

CAVE IN!


THE MAGIC TROPHY! GANON STOLE IT HIDDEN IN THE LOWER CHAMBERS! THE TOWN OF RUTO WILL PERISH UNLESS IT IS RETURNED! WE MUST FIND IT!
NOT ME JUST ME. YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE OVERWORLD!


I AM NOT GOING BACK! WHY SHOULD I?
BECAUSE IT'S GOTTEN TOO DANGEROUS DOWN HERE. BECAUSE I'M A HERO, THIS IS MY JOB! BECAUSE I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!


AND BECAUSE..
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU


OH LINK..
RUMBLE
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?

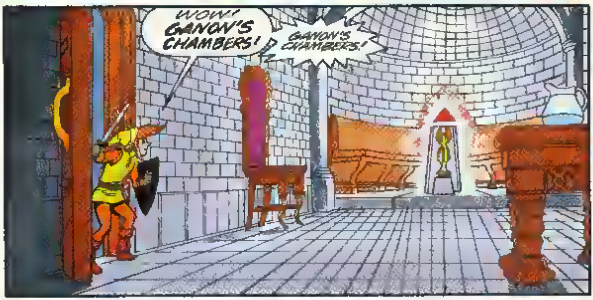

AWHECK! SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS EVERY TIME I'M ABOUT TO GET A SMOOCH!
LINK! WHAT ARE YOU--
SMASH


- DONG!
SEIZE HIM!
THAT HALL MASTER WILL PUT YOU OUTSIDE WHERE IT'S SAFE. I'LL TAKE A RAINCHECK ON THE KISS!

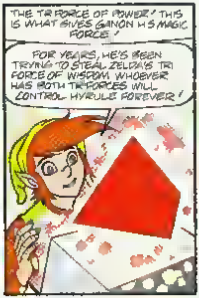

YOU - YOU--!
GWAHH! I AGREE YOU!


BACK HERE, THE DEPTHS OF DEATH MOUNTAIN...
THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON ME! ZELDA IS COUNTING ON ME! I CAN'T LET THEM DOWN!


HE WENT THAT WAY, I THINK!
I WONDER WHAT'S BEHIND THAT DOOR! MAYBE I CAN HIDE IN THERE TILL THESE GUYS GIVE UP THE CHASE!

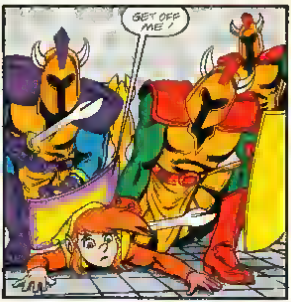

WOW! GANON'S CHAMBERS!
GANON'S CHAMBERS!


THE MAGIC TROPHY! YOW! ZOW! GANON LEFT IT UNGUARDED! I WONDER WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE...


THE TRIFORCE OF POWER! THIS IS WHAT GIVES GANON HIS MAGIC FORCE!
FOR YEARS, HE'S BEEN TRYING TO STEAL ZELDA'S TRIFORCE OF WISDOM. WHOEVER HAS BOTH TRIFORCES WILL CONTROL HYRULE FOREVER!


I WONDER WHAT HAPPENS IF I...
YOW!
ZAKOW

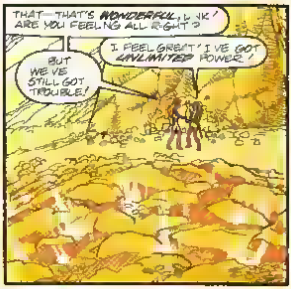

THERE HE IS!

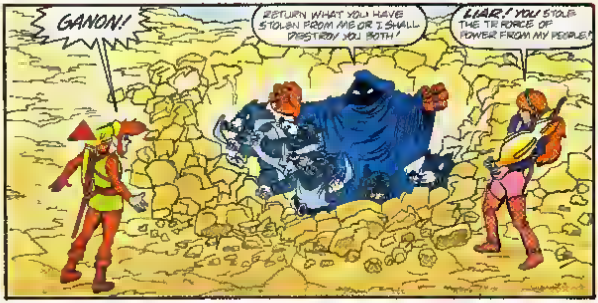

GET OFF ME!


I SAID, GET OFF ME!


ABOVE GROUND
WHAT'S THAT? THUNDER SPELLS?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

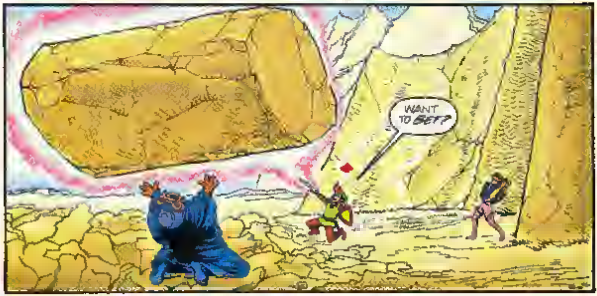

LINK! YOU GOT THE MAGIC TROPHY!
THAT'S NOTHING! I GOT GANON'S TRIFORCE!


THAT—THAT'S WONDERFUL, LINK! ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
I FEEL GREAT! I'VE GOT UNLIMITED POWER!
BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TROUBLE!


GANON!
RETURN WHAT YOU HAVE STOLEN FROM ME OR I SHALL DESTROY YOU BOTH!
LIAR! YOU STOLE THE TRIFORCE OF POWER FROM MY PEOPLE!


YOU WANT THE TRIFORCE OF POWER? I'LL RAM IT DOWN YOUR SHARGOAT!


AAA! YOU MISSED!


WANT TO BET?


CRASHOOM


LINK? ARE YOU


NO HURT GORIYA LINK!
LINK HAS POWERFUL MAGIC!
GORIYA SERVE LINK!
LINK BE MASTER, NOT GANON!
SERVE ME? MMMM...


NO! WHAT AM I SAYING? GET AWAY FROM ME!
GET OUT OF HERE!


WHAT'S THAT? GAMMON!
HE'S BREAKING OUT OF THE ROCK!

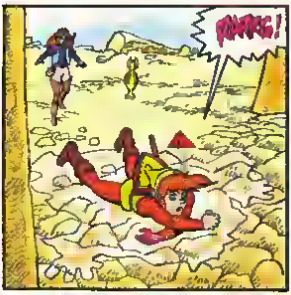

I MUST ESCAPE! I HAVE NO POWER LEFT!
OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE MINE!


IT'S OVER, GAMMON! I HAVE THE POWER NOW! YOU'VE HOUNDED ME! ATTACKED ME! MADE MY LIFE MISERABLE!


MERCY! I SURRENDER! PLEASE SPARE ME!
I'LL GIVE YOU MERCY! THE SAME MERCY YOU'VE ALWAYS GIVEN ME!
THAT'S ENOUGH, LINK. HE'S BEATEN! DON'T SINK TO HIS LEVEL


RARRG!
OWWW!
CHOMP


HE BIT ME!
I MUST REACH THE ENTRANCE!


THWAPS!

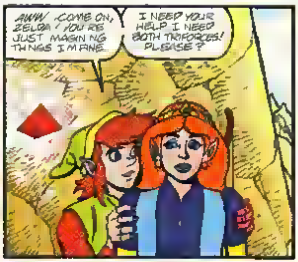

HE TELEPORTED! HE GOT INSIDE DEATH MOUNTAIN AND HE TELEPORTED!
TAKE IT EASY, LINK! WE'VE WON! WE'VE BEATEN GANON AND NOW WE CAN RETURN THE TRIFORCE TO RUTO!


RUTO?! I CAN'T GO TO RUTO! I'M GOING AFTER GANON! I HAVE TO DESTROY HIM!

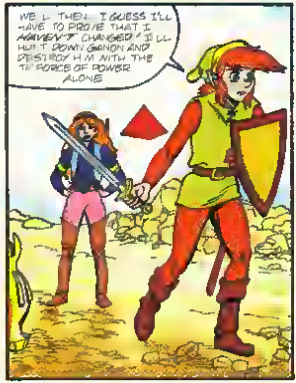

BUT TO CRUSH HIM INSIDE DEATH MOUNTAIN WHERE HE'S STRONGEST, I NEED MORE POWER! I NEED THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM! I MUST HAVE IT!

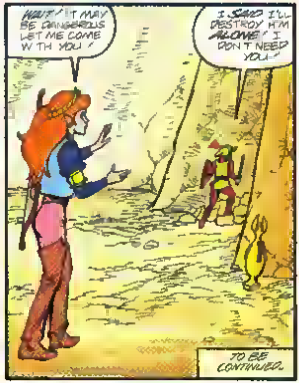

IF I POSSESS BOTH TRIFORCES I CAN DEFEAT GANON ONCE AND FOR ALL!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU KNOW THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM CANNOT BE POSSESSED! I MUST BE ABLE TO PROTECT FOR THE GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF HYRULE!


WHAT? YOU DON'T TRUST ME?!
LINK, STOP! YOU'RE HURTING ME! THE TRIFORCE OF POWER, IS DOING SOMETHING TO YOU!


AWW! COME ON, ZELDA! YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING THINGS! I'M FINE.
I NEED YOUR HELP. I NEED BOTH TRIFORCES! PLEASE?


I... I'M SORRY, LINK. I CAN'T GIVE THE TRIFORCE TO YOU OR ANYONE!


WELL, THEN... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PROVE THAT I HAVEN'T CHANGED! I'LL HUNT DOWN GANON AND DESTROY HIM WITH THE TRIFORCE OF POWER ALONE!


WAIT! IT MAY BE DANGEROUS. LET ME COME WITH YOU!
I SAID I'LL DESTROY HIM ALONE! I DON'T NEED YOU!
TO BE CONTINUED...

THE Price

By George Caragonne, Art Nichols, Don Hudson, Jade, The Graduations

WITH THE CAPTURED TRIFORCE OF POWER IN HIS POSSESSION, LINK HUNTS DOWN THE EVIL DARK LORD GANON, WHO, STRIPPED OF HIS GREATEST SOURCE OF POWER, HAS FLED UNDERGROUND.

THE LONG-DESERTED PALACE OF PAMAMA...

GANON CAN TELEPORT TO ANY UNDERWORLD LOCATION IN HYRULE, BUT HIS YEARNING FOR THE TRIFORCE OF POWER BETRAYS HIM! HIS LUST FOR THE TRIFORCE — MY TRIFORCE — IS SO STRONG I CAN FEEL IT—!

HE'S HERE...

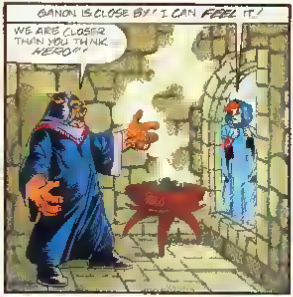
LINK LET GOR YA SERVE HIM NOW! GOR YA MUST SERVE! ONLY LINK HAS TRIFORCE OF POWER! ONLY LINK IS WORTHY TO BE MASTER!

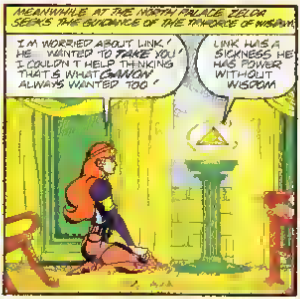
HMMM... WELL... WHY NOT?

INSIDE, IN A THRONE ROOM THAT ONCE BELONGED TO AN ANCIENT KING...

I'LL DESTROY GANON AND BRING PEACE TO HYRULE. I HAVE THE POWER!

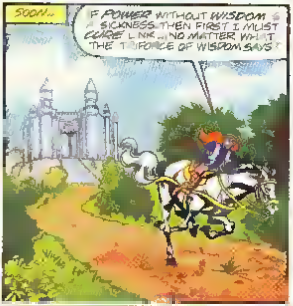
LINK WILL RULE! LINK IS KING! LINK WEAR KING ROBES!


GANON IS CLOSE BY! I CAN FEEL IT!
WE ARE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK, HERO!


MEANWHILE AT THE HYRUN PALACE, ZELDA SEEKS THE GUIDANCE OF THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM.
I AM WORRIED ABOUT LINK! HE WANTED TO TAKE YOU! I COULDN'T HELP THINKING THAT'S WHAT GANON ALWAYS WANTED TOO!
LINK WAS A SICKNESS. HE HAS POWER WITHOUT WISDOM


SHOULD I HAVE GIVEN YOU TO HIM?
THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS NOT YOURS TO GIVE. YOU ARE ITS KEEPER AND PROTECTOR. NOTHING MORE.
LINK'S SICK — HOW CAN I HELP HIM?
NO ONE CAN HELP LINK NOW... EXCEPT BY HELPING HIM TO DESTROY HIMSELF!


DESTROY HIMSELF? NO, THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SAVE HIM!
IF LINK DOES NOT DIE... YOU WILL FOREVER WISH THAT HE DID.
NO! WHAT SHALL I DO?

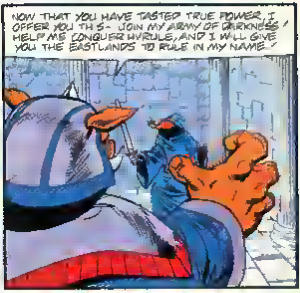

SOON...
IF POWER WITHOUT WISDOM IS A SICKNESS, THEN FIRST I MUST CURE LINK... NO MATTER WHAT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM SAYS!


THE FOLLOWING NIGHT
LINK'S TRAIL LEADS TO THE KAKARIKO PALACE. BUT WHY WOULD LINK COME HERE?


THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT CRUMBLING RUINS!


PERHAPS THERE ARE SCAVENGERS AS WELL— SEEKING EASY PREY!
NO! LET GO!


AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE PALACE THRONE ROOM
A TELEPORTATION SPELL—!
GANON!
YOU LIKE THE POWER, DON'T YOU, BOY?


NOW THAT YOU HAVE TASTED TRUE POWER, I OFFER YOU THIS— JOIN MY ARMY OF DARKNESS! HELP ME CONQUER HYRULE, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE EASTLANDS TO RULE IN MY NAME!


I'LL NEVER JOIN YOU! I HAVE THE TRI FORCE OF POWER NOW! I'LL DESTROY YOU!
FOOLISH CHILD! I OFFER YOU THE CHANCE FOR GREATNESS!
SHING


DON'T YOU SEE? I LET YOU CAPTURE THE TRIFORCE! AND I CAN TAKE IT BACK!
TRIFORCE OF POWER! RETURN TO YOUR TRUE MASTER!


THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, PIG!


THE TRIFORCE CHOSE YOU! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
I AM READY FOR YOU! I KNEW YOU'D TRY TO TAKE THE TRIFORCE BACK! IT, MY POWER IS ALREADY GREATER THAN YOURS!


YOU MAY HAVE POWER, BUT YOUR HEART MAKES YOU WEAK. I TOO WAS PREPARED! BEHOLD!
LINK?
ZELDA!


SURRENDER THE TRIFORCE OR MY DARKNUT PRIME WILL DESTROY YOUR PRECIOUS PRINCESS


SHE MEANS NOTHING TO ME
YOU'RE BLUFFING! DARKNUT! DESTROY HER!


WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, FOOL?

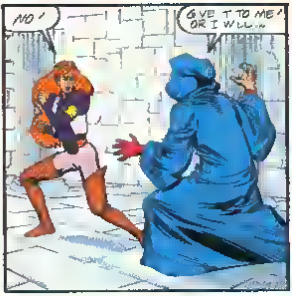

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE POWER HERE! WHAT DO YOU WISH ME TO DO
... MASTER LINK?


TRAITOR! I'LL DESTROY YOU BOTH!


YOU ARE DISMISSED, LOYAL DARKNUT! AS FOR YOU, GANON...
I'M GROWING STRONGER EVERY MINUTE! MY MAGIC IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CAGE YOU NOW! I SHOULD JUST DROP YOU INTO THIS ENDLESS PIT!


LINK! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO ME!


I WANT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM, PRINCESS! I KNOW YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR SATCHEL! I CAN SENSE IT!


NO!
GIVE IT TO ME! OR I WILL...


LINK, YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
WHY NOT?


BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME...
AND I LOVE YOU!

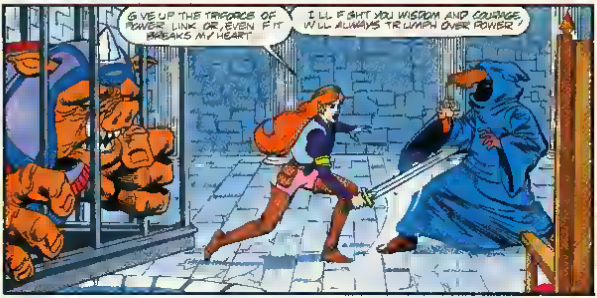

I DON'T WANT LOVE! I WANT MORE POWER!


SKIZZT

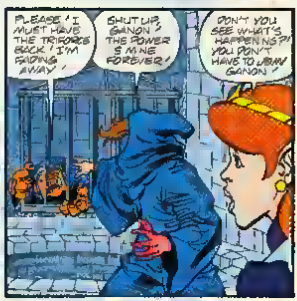

YOUR SPELL DIDN'T HARM ME! HOW'D THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE PROTECTED ME!
NO! THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE IS MINE!


NOT ANYMORE THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE HAS LEFT YOUR HEART... AND COME TO ME!
THE TRIFORCE OF POWER YOU HOLD IS NOT EVIL, BUT GANON TRICKED YOU INTO USING POWER WITHOUT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM TO GUIDE YOU!


REMEMBER THE LEGEND OF THE THREE TRIFORCES? THE THREE MUST BE BROUGHT TOGETHER... BUT IF MISUSED THEY WILL BRING MANY EVILS!?
YOU HAVE MISUSED THE TRIFORCE! HE WHO DEPENDS ON POWER ALONE WITHOUT WISDOM... CANNOT CLAIM COURAGE!

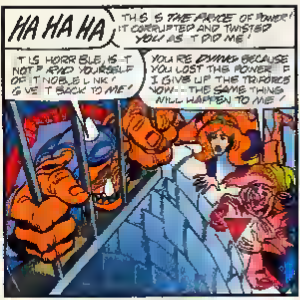

GIVE UP THE TRIFORCE OF POWER LINK OR, EVEN IF IT BREAKS MY HEART!
I'LL FIGHT YOU WISDOM AND COURAGE WILL ALWAYS TRIUMPH OVER POWER!


LINK! LISTEN TO ME! WE CAN DEFEAT HER TOGETHER! IF YOU LET ME HAVE THE TRIFORCE OF POWER BACK... THEN ONCE SHE'S GONE WE'LL DIVIDE THE SPOILS OF HYRULE! I SWEAR IT!

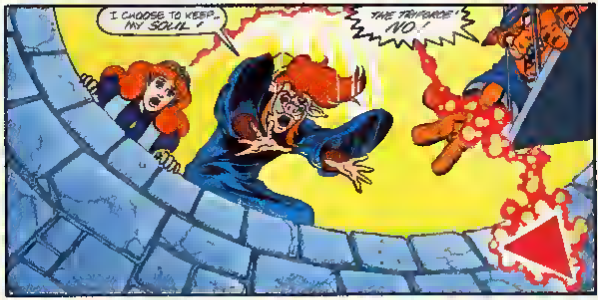

PLEASE! I MUST HAVE THE TRIFORCE BACK! I'M FADING AWAY!
SHUT UP, GANON! THE POWER IS MINE FOREVER!
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BLAME GANON!


YOU'RE BECOME GANON!


NOOOOOOO!!!

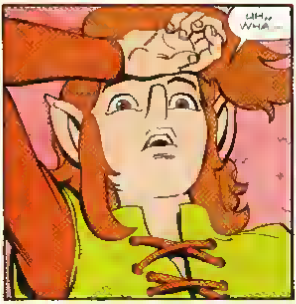

HA HA HA!
THIS IS THE FORCE OF POWER! IT CORRUPTED AND TWISTED YOU, AS IT DID ME!
IT IS HORRIBLE, IS IT NOT? AND YOURSELF OR LINKBLE LINK! GIVE IT BACK TO ME!
YOU'RE DYING BECAUSE YOU LOST THE POWER. IF I GIVE UP THE TRIFORCE NOW -- THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO ME

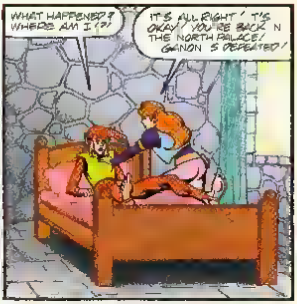

IT'S TRUE... IF YOU GIVE UP THE TRIFORCE - YOU'LL BE DESTROYING YOURSELF
THERE IS A PRICE EITHER WAY. MY LIFE IF I GIVE UP THE POWER / MY SOUL IF I KEEP IT


I CHOOSE TO KEEP... MY SOUL!
THE TRIFORCE! NO!


THE POWER MUST BE MINE!

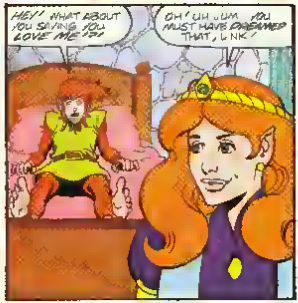

OH, LINK... LINK!
DON'T CRY, ZELDA. I'M A HERO, OR AT LEAST I HAVE. I AM NOT AFRAID... TO PAY THE PRICE.


UH... WHA...


WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S OKAY! YOU'RE BACK IN THE NORTH PALACE! GANON IS DEFEATED!


HEY! I'M NOT A PIG GRUNTOR AND I'M ALIVE!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE TRIFORCE, YOU WOULDN'T BE!


BUT I GAVE UP THE TRIFORCE OF POWER...!
AND IN DOING SO YOU PROVED WORTHY OF THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE! I RETURNED TO YOU AND RESTORED YOUR STRENGTH! I SAVED YOUR LIFE


HEY! WHAT ABOUT YOU SAYING YOU LOVE ME?!
OH! UH... UM... YOU MUST HAVE DREAMED THAT, LINK!


YOU SAID I, ZELDA, I REALLY LOVE YOU!
HOW COULD YOU HEAR ANYTHING WITH THOSE PIG EARS YOU HAD?!
YOU SAID IT!
NO I DIDN'T!
YES YOU DID!
GAME OVER

SECRETS OF THE TRIFORCE

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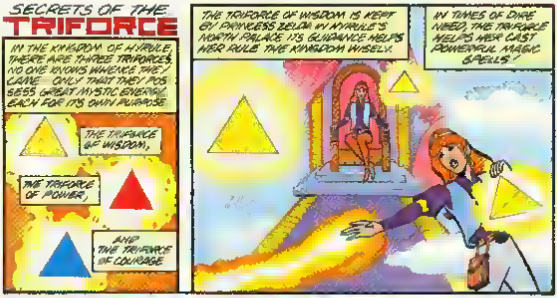

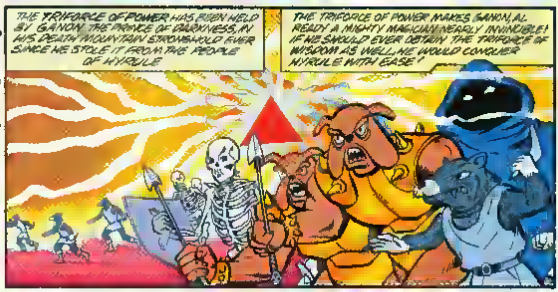

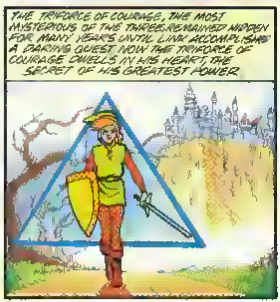

ZELDA'S CONSUMER TIPS

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BUT PRICE IS NOT THE ONLY THING TO CONSIDER!


SO, ONLY BUY FROM REPUTABLE STORES!


AND GET A WARRANTY--JUST IN CASE YOUR MERCHANDISE FAILS TO PERFORM IN ACTUAL USE


IT'S YOUR MONEY DON'T GET BURNED! THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
THE VISIBLE BITS & BYTES PUBLISH
GAME OVER

Dear Editor,

I think the ZELDA comics are great. I sure hope Link gets to kiss Zelda one day.

Till Ganon joins Koopa,
Robert Samms
Shingle Springs, CA

It's always hard to know what's going to happen between Link and Zelda, Robert. We have it on good authority, however, that the princess is definitely, positively, absolutely, and shortly planning to let Link kiss her... maybe.

Dear Creators of ZELDA,

I really like your comic book of Zelda. It's great how you put the Zelda 1 and 2 games together to make such great stories. I'm a real big fan of Zelda, and an even bigger fan of Link.

My dad and I both have been working on Zelda. My dad even went out and bought a Nintendo for himself, to play when he's travelling, even though I have a Nintendo of my own. He got it just to play Zelda! Now, we're at level 9, and we fought Ganon and we died. But we're going to try again.

"Fast Eddie" Mueller
Freehold, NJ

Thanks, Eddie, for telling us about your rad dad! We hope you'll both keep fighting the good fight—it's the only way to win.

(We also think your dad was very smart, to buy a second Nintendo system. That kind of action could solve a lot of family disputes...)

To Whomever it May Concern,

I'm 14 years old, and a comic book collector. When I first saw THE LEGEND OF ZELDA, I wasn't too impressed. But I decided to buy it anyway. It was great! The artwork was excellent, some of the best I've seen. The wording was great, too. I didn't have any trouble telling who was talking. And the background information was great, too. I knew what was going on. It was a good adventure.

Well, you know what they say: "You can't judge a book by its cover." Make that a comic book, in this case.

Anyhow, I think you all have nothing to worry about. It was excellent!

Alex Martin
Tallahassee, FL

P.S. Keep up the great work!!!

We're not worried, Alex, we're happy that you wrote. Your comments definitely concern us, and we're glad to get 'em. Thanks for your support!

Dear Voyager,

I am inspired by your great comic, THE LEGEND OF ZELDA! It takes a great imagination to make up stories about an adventurer who risks his life killing Stalfos, and Moblins, and all the rest

of Ganon's foes just to save the land of Hyrule and the Triforce.

I think "The Legend of Zelda" and the "Adventures of Link" are both great Nintendo games! Are you coming out with a Zelda 3?

Timur Declapiers
New York, NY

"Just" to save Hyrule and the Triforce??? Princess Zelda might have an argument with you about that wording, Timur—that's her fate you're talking about!

Dear Link,

I am a big fan of yours, and I love playing The Legend of Zelda. I think you should make a Zelda 3. And, you should make it a two-player game.

But, Link, I've got a problem. My sister likes to play Zelda. And when she does, she keeps on continuing her game and I don't get a chance to play. What should I do? Please write back.

Jackie LaGrow
Detroit, MI

P.S. I think you should know that I really like you A LOT.

Two requests for a Zelda 3 game, in just one column!? Hm. Could this be the start of a trend? In fact, Zelda 3 is in development right now, and we'll be announcing its estimated time of arrival very soon.

Now, about your sister. Have you tried asking her to share the game? How about begging? You could always try a special trick tactic, like carrying the game cartridge with you everywhere—but remember, you may be risking all-out family warfare! So far, we still think Fast Eddie's dad has the best solution.

Dear Voyager/Nintendo Comics,

I just finished reading the first issue of THE LEGEND OF ZELDA. It was great!

Here are some of my questions: what and where is Link's homeland? Does Link have any brothers, or sisters? Why did Zelda want the magic flute?

And, can you put in a page where you print letters from kids like me, and answer their questions?

Monty Congdon
Fairfield, IA

1) Link is from Calatia, you'll find its direction marked on the map of Hyrule printed in issue #1. 2) So far, no brothers or sisters have been seen—but that doesn't mean there aren't any. 3) The magic flute transports whoever blows it far away, and Zelda wanted to go far away. 4) YES!!

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